

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following new paragraphs between lines 4 and 5 of page 4:

Fig. 5 is a top view of a compartmented container according to another embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 6 is a cross-sectional view taken generally along the line 6-6 of Fig. 5 in a closed position.

Fig. 7 is a cross-sectional view taken generally along the line 6-6 of Fig. 5 in a vented position.

Please replace the paragraph appearing between lines 15 and 25 on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

The plurality of ventable areas may be located in different areas on the lid than depicted in FIGs. 1 and 2, including the sidewalls 26 of the lid 14 such as depicted in Fig. 5 and other locations of the top wall 24 of the lid 14. It is desirable to locate the plurality of ventable areas near or in the top wall so as to assist in preventing or inhibiting any liquid juices of the food product from escaping the container 10. The liquid juices, if present, should remain in the container 10 as long as the container 10 is not substantially tilted towards any of the plurality of ventable areas 30. It is also contemplated that if a compartmented container is used such as that depicted in Figs. 5-7, then at least one ventable area 30 may be located over certain foods. Thus, if a certain food in one of the compartments is the only one to be vented, then the ventable area located nearest to this compartment is opened, while the remaining ones of the ventable areas remain closed.

Please replace the paragraph appearing between lines 3 and 10 on page 6 with the following amended paragraph

According to one embodiment, the plurality of ventable areas 30 of FIG. 2 has three sides 30a-c that are not continuous connected. The three sides 30a-c may be formed by a knife blade or sharpened section of tool steel that includes at least one score therein to assist in keeping the

ventable area in a closed position. This is referred to herein as a perforated area. Because the at least one score is formed in one or more of the sides 30a-c, for example, the three sides 30a-c are not continuously connected, but rather define a cut having a first interruption between 30d and 30e and a second interruption spaced substantially from the first interruption to define a frangible portion. This is shown with score 30g in FIGS. 2 and 3. It is contemplated that each side 30a-c may have a plurality of scores formed therein.